(b) if so, whether these landless persons also get residential plot/flat on out of turn basis like the owner of the acquired land; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Unauthorised property dealers in group Housing Societies

1794. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many unauthorised property dealers are carrying on their business in the colonies of the Group Housing Societies on Outer Ring Road for which the land had been allotted by DDA;

(b) if so, the reasons for which they could not be banned by Government since their activity is detrimental to the needy persons who are resirous to settle down in these colonies; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any action against these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) No survey has been carried out so far regarding carrying on of business by unauthorised property dealers in the colonies of the Group Housing Societies on Outer Ring Road. However, Government is contemplating legal steps for regulating the activities of property agents.

Allocation for providing shelter to Slum Dwellers

1795. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide shelter to slum dwellers in metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the progress made in that regard so far; and

(c) whether any allocation of funds has been made for the development of slums under the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) "Urban Development" is a State subject and specific schemes on slum clearance and improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Government in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the environmental improvement of slums rather than massive clearance and relocation. Under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities like storm water drainage, water supply, sewerage, community latrines and baths, widening and paving of streets and street lighting are provided in urban slums. During the 7th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 269.50 crores was earmarked for E.I.U.S. and 99.8 lakh slum dwellers actually benefitted under this programme. Pending finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 65.10 crores was allocated during 1990-91 for development of slums under this scheme in the State Sector.

There is a centrally sponsored scheme of Housing and Shelter Upgradation under the Nehru Rozgar Yojana which enables families below the poverty line to upgrade their dwellings through improvements at a maximum cost of Rs. 4,000/- per dwelling unit comprising of 25 per cent subsidy with a ceiling of Rs. 1,000/- and loan upto Rs. 3,000/- from HUDCO. Additional loan can also be availed under the HUDCO scheme for Economically weaker sections. The Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) scheme is applicable to cities with a population between 1 lakh and 20 lakhs, to new industrial towns and to towns in UTs and hilly region. The Scheme was launched in October, 1989 and upto 9-7-1991 HUDCO has sanctioned 337 schemes worth Rs. 260.00 crores involving 5.87 lakhs units. Further, HUDCO has a